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#### 1. Section 1, Operations: Significant activities.

a. (U) General. This report covers the period 1 Aug 1969 through 31 Oct 1969, and is submitted in accordance with Al. 525-15 and USANV Regulation 525-15. The report includes Headquarters & Headquarters Company, 17th Aviation Group (Combat); 201st Aviation Company (Corps); 56th Aviation Detachment (Support); and the 25th Medical Detachment (On) and contains certain information not reported by other subordinate units of the Group.

#### b. (C) Personnel.

- (1) Infusion: The Group has continued an infusion program directed towards the reduction of rotational humps. There has been a slight hump in the month of October but with the extra inputs of officers/warrant officers earlier in the year this hump is being reduced.
- (2) Replacements: The Group received 1779 replacements in the reporting period as compared to 1787 for the last quarter. Replacements have been arriving prior to the DEMOS of the departing individual. The monthly replacement flow was: 706 in August, 523 in September and 550 in October.
- (3) Strength: The Group strength declined during the reporting pariod. The strength figures for the reported units and the entire Group are attached as inclosure 1. There is a critical shortage of certain maintenance personnel, particularly Technical Inspectors and senior supervisory maintenance personnel. Inclosure 2 lists those shortages of skilled personnel that have the most effect on the aircraft maintenance rates.

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- (4) Changes of Command: The following changes of command were made during this reporting period:
- (a) On 14 September 1969 COL Billy R. Wright, 455-30-1.996, assumed command of the 17th Aviation Group (Combat), vice COL Nelson R. Mahone, Jr., 231-60-3378.
- (b) On 22 October 1969, ILJ Jeremy D. Scott, 477-36-0424, assumed command of the 201st Aviation Company (Corps), vice find housed S. Holasek, 472-38-9732.
- (c) On 21 August 1969, CPT David S. Henig, 538-38-2606, assumed command of HRC, 17th Aviation Group (Combat), vic: CPT Joseph D. Hibst, 310-34-9732.
- (d) On 2 October 1969, CPN Heil H. Joseph, 083-34-6726, assumed command of 25th Medical Detachment, vice CPN Philip A. Desimone, 001-30-9131.
  - (5) The following changes were made within the Group Staff:
- (a) On 4 August 1969, M.J Heldreth C. Gore, Jr., 240-48-5487, became the Group S4, vice LTC William L. anderson, 574-09-1572.
- (b) On 12 August 1969, MaJ John D. Albright, 442-36-3701, become the Group Flight Surgeon, vice MaJ John H. Fahrni, 503-32-6060.
- (c) On 20 August 1969, LTC James J. Kelly, 119-20-8422, became the Group S3, vice LTC Leroy P. Stevenson, 427-38-8721.
- (d) On 28 August 1969, LTC William E. Crouch, Jr., 222-12-3481, became the Group XO, vice LTC Ullrich Hermann, 257-60-1266.
- (e) On 28 ... upust 1969, CPT J mes E. Stone, Jr., 425-62-2730, became the asst. S3, vice CFT Leroy M. Bond, 502-40-2901.
- (f) On 3 September 1969, LTC David F. Tate, 203-12-3481, become the Group Chaplain, vice H.J Rodger E. Rendenl, 503-16-0636.
- (g) On 8 September 1969, CPT Francis J. Stephenson, Jr., 426-84-8409, became the Asst. S2.
- (h) On 11 September 1969, 1LT Joseph F. Pullano, 345-26-9892, became the Group Asst S4, vice JF: William J. Stets, 193-28-0961.

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- (1) On 25 September 1969, CPT Robert P. Dunn, 418-54-7299, become the Movement Control Officer, vice CPT Richard H. Sanches, 575-24-5899.
- (j) On is October 1969, 1LT Robert C. Rice, 297-36-9042, became the Personnel Officer, vice CW3 Walter V. Collins, Jr., 256-38-0913.
- (k) On 23 October 1969, H.J James H. Langston, 252-44-0670, assumed duties as Lisison Officer to G2 IFW.
- (1) On 23 October 1969, ILT James W. Rooney, 021-34-5765, became the Group Asst S1, vice ILT Robert C. Rice, 297-36-9042.
  - c. (C) Intelligence.
- (1) General: During this reporting period significant changes in the enemy order of battle holdings were as follows:
- (a) The 10th MV. Infantry Regiment disbanded. The 13th Battalion was redesignated the K-13 Local Force Battalion. The 11th Battalion merged with the 85th Local Force Battalion and the new unit was designated the 96th Local Force Battalion. The 12th Battalion is now carried as the 12th MW. Battalion subordinate to the Southern Sub Region Headquarters of Military Region 5.
- (b) Mijor elements of the 40th MVn Artillery Regiment, the 66th NVn Infantry Regiment, and the 28th NVn Infantry Regiment were dropped from the Tri-Border area and are believed to be located in Cambodian base areas near Bu Prang and Duc Lap. The change in HVA funits for this quarter is attached as Inclosure #3.
- (c) Activity was generally light throughout the quarter, especially in September and early October. Total enemy strength in II Corps dropped approximately 725.
- (2) Air Activity: While flying in support of II CTZ during the last quarter 17th Aviation Group aircraft were reported hit by hostile ground fire 203 times (Aug 84, Sep 47, Oct 72), for an average of 66 hits per month as compared to 30 per month the previous quarter. 17th Aviation Group aircraft reported being shot at but not hit 152 times (Aug 53, Sep 28, Oct 71). The reduction in hits, though influenced by weather, reflects the low level of activity especially in September and the first 28 days of October. Activity increased sharply during the last 3 days of the reporting period with 19 hits and 18 "shot at's"

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being reported in the 72 hour period.

- (3) Physical Security: There were 11 Installation Attacks (all standoff) reported during the quarter (Aug 5, Sep 2, Oct 4) compared with 34 during the previous quarter, again reflecting the low level of activity during the period. Installations most frequently hit were Ban He Thuot, Dong Ba Thin and the Trang. On 15 September the 17th Aviation Group Meadquarters assumed responsibility for coordinating the defense of UE units in Sub Sector III, wha Trang Installation Defense Command.
- (4) Security Clearances: During the reporting period 59 clearances have been validated, 62 USATHA Checks made, 25 ALC Checks initiated, and 3 Background Investigations initiated.

#### d. (U) Operations.

- (1) Flight Operations: Total flying hours and performance figures for the units are listed in Inclosure 4.
- (2) Unit Hovement: There were no changes in the units locations.
- (3) Unit Hissions: There have been no changes in the units! missions.

#### e. (U) Training.

- (1) Army Aviation Refresher Training Echool: A total of 172 mulits quotes were allocated to the Group and 170 were reallocated to the battalions. Two allocations were filled by the 201st Aviation Company (Corps).
- (2) Eurvival Courses: " total of 17 quotes were received for survival courses, 11 for the Escape and Evasion Course at Clark AFB, Philipines and 6 for the later Survival Sourse at
- (3) Headquarters Company Training: " total of 28 days were spent in mand tory training in subjects as prescribed by beaut kug 350-1.
- (4) Transition Training: The 201st aviation Company (Corps) completed transition of three evictors in the U-21, during the reporting period. Two SIP's (one FA. and one aA) orders were validated and they have begun transition and 90 day standardimpation training.

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#### f. (U) Logistics.

- (1) New Equipment: Units within the 17th Aviation Group (Combat) started receiving shipments of the SFH-4 flight helmets to replace the APH-5 now in use by all flight crow personnel. The SPH-4 helmet is designed as a crash protection device and will provide a maximum of sound attenuation and comfort. I total of 1216 helmets are still needed within the 17th aviation group (Combat) to complete the transition from A.H-5 to SFH-4.
  - (2) Aircraft status is attached as Inclosure 5.
  - g. (U) Organization.
  - (1) Unit Organization: No change since last report.
  - (2) Station List: No change since last report.
- (3) MTOE action: The 201st Aviation Company (Corps) submitted a change to the current MTOE 1-127D. Two major changes to the current MTOE were incorporated in the proposed change.
- (a) Organization: A proposed change to form two separate flight platoons (RM / FW) was requested because of the number of aircraft and aviators. Operational procedures and methods differ by aircraft type and separate platoon. Operation of two separate platoons will increase unit efficiency and performance.
- (b) Aintenance: The proposed change provides the unit with an organic direct support maintenance empability.

#### h. (b) Chaplain.

- (1) Givic actions: The 17th aG(C) Chaplain's Fund contributed \$917.10 to the following activities: Overseas Christian Servicemen's Center, the Vietnamese Evangelical Bible Ceminary, publishing he Old Testament in the Vietnamese language and the Evangelical School, Orphange, Foor House and Refugee Center. Redicine provided by St. John's Lutheran Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was delivered to Chan-Y-Vien Tin-Lanh (Redical Clinic) in Wha Trang.
  - (2) Conference: The Group Chaplain attended the 1st

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wi tion Brigade Chaplains Conference on 6 - 7 October 1969 at Long Binh.

- i. (b) aviation Safety. The accident rate for the 17th aG(1) increased slightly during this quarter. A primary cause of this increase was weather. The cumulative accident rate per 100,000 flying hours increased from 19.9 to 20.3. The accident experience for the quarter is attached as Inclosure 6.
- j. (U) Signal: The Signal Section, NHC, 17th AG(C) continued to provide radio, teletype, and telephone communications for House quirturs, 17th aG(C). Guidance and assistance were provided to Signal Sections of subordinate units to insure that the 17th aG(C) communication system was responsive to the units needs. Two Communications and Electronics Newsletters were published during the quirter. These newsletters contained information pertaining to Ground, Avionics, and General C and E operations. Implemontation of D. Gir 750-29 has been accomplished as pertains to Signal Equipment within the 17th AG(C). The 17th AG(C) and Battalion Signal Officers attended the 1st .. vi tion brigade Signal Officers Conference on 13 and 14 September 1969. A limison visit was made by the 17th aG(C) avionics Officer to the USAAPAC Calibration Agency, Okinawa, for the purpose of coordinating the calibration program within the 17th aG(C). Twelve avionics Assistance Visits were conducted by the Avionics personnel of the 17th .G(3) to the Avionics mepair Sections of the subordin te units within the 17th AG(C). Avionics personnel shortages decreased during the quarter and units within 17th AG(C) have an adequate fill level in avionics personnel. Aircraft of the 17th AG(0) which had not previously been retrefited with the CYE modification are now being modified. This program and been at a stand still due to the lack of the modification ki,s which are now on hand. The 17th AG(C) continues to implement the ASTOR Program. All units have their authorized dunsity of ASTOR ocuirment on hand. The equipment is being used by most units on a daily basis.
- k. (C) Medical. The 25th Medical Detachment continues to provide medical support to HQ 17th ...G(C). Medical personnel and equipment were adequate to provide 1st echelon redical support during the period. Serious shortages of organic medical personnel in the near future are anticipated. A Dengue opidemic occurred in I Corps during the period. Increased preventive reasures were taken throughout the Group. We cases of Dengue occurred in the Group. Policies and precedures regarding preventive medicine were reviewed and improvements in environmental similation continue.

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# 2. Section 2, Lessons Learned, Commanders Observations, Evaluations, and Recommendations.

- a. (U) Personnel. Hone
- b. (U) Intelligence: None
- c. (U) Operations: Mone
- d. (U) Organization: Combining of Standards, training, and operations (201st Avn Co).
- (1) Observation: The unit's operations officer and standardization officer were functioning independently. Training, and standardization programs were conflicting with mission operations causing a loss in efficiency in both areas.
- (2) Evaluation: Opportunity for needed training and currency flights were often not utilized due to lack of communication. Instrument training, needed to prepare aviators for renewal and issue of instrument cards, was lost when mission requirements could have doubled as instrument training flights. Opportunity for implementation of major standardization decisions, procedures, etc., was available but not utilized in the openations section.
- (3) Mecommendation: St indurdization, training, and operations functions be combined into the same section and be supervised by the same personnel. This implementation will combine associated and related functions eliminating inefficiency and lost training time. Dissemination of new procedures and changes will be expedited and more thorough.
- (4) Command Action: The operations section new includes structuration and training functions. All files, briefings, and records are animalized in and supervised by the same section.
  - o. (U) Training: (201st Avn Co)
  - (1) not my ling Instrument Qualification.
- (a) Observation: Only one Administrator held a current standard instrument card. Motary wing aircr ft were restricted to VPA flights, which caused some follows and ROMS on VIP flights.
- (b) Evaluation: Having sublified instrument pilots will enhance the capability of the unit. The experience level of the

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pilots will be upgraded and weather delays and problems can be eliminated.

- (c) Recommendation: an active rotary wing instrument training program be established. Instrument procedures are to be discussed and reviewed at pilot standardization and safety meetings. Special attention be given to VTP missions through assigning instrument qualified pilots to fly the mission.
- (d) Command Action: The unit's instrument examiner is now assigned to the operations section and has implemented an active instrument program. Since the start of the program four standard retary wing instrument cards have been renewed and two initial standard retary wing instrument cards have been issued. Current information and procedures are reviewed periodically.
  - (2) Survival Escape & Evasion Training. (17th Avn Gp)
- (a) Observation: That outside of a small number of out-of-country EdE school trained personnel, most aviators do not have adequate training in Survival, Escape & Evasion procedures.
- (b) Evaluation: The use of trained personnel as unit E&E Officers is desirable. These personnel, however, have only received a short course in personal survival procedures and often do not have the background or training aids necessary to instruct other personnel in the unit.
- (c) Accommendations: That each aviation Group and/or separate aviation Battalion request an Air Force Jungle Survival Training Team. That the major aviation headquarters requesting a team make the team available for training and instruction down to company level.
- (d) Command Action: The 17th Aviation Group (Combet) 83 requested a Jungle Survival Training Team be allocated to this command for a period of 30 days. A message stating the recuest and reasons why the team was desired was sent on 5 Jul 69 to CG, 13th AF, ATM: DOOTL, AFO 96274. 13th AF approved the request and allocated two teams consisting of two enlisted instructors each to 17th Group for two weeks each. One team for the first two weeks in Sept and the second for the last two weeks in Sept. Upon arrival in country the teams were provided with secure classrooms, a lomm projector, blackboard, and a 35mm projector. Classes were presented to approximately 2000 avi tion personnel including over 500 rated aviators. Subjects covered included:

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Escape and Evasion, Jungle Survival, Use of Survival hadios and Equipment and related subjects. A survey conducted after the training had been completed, confirmed that the training had been both interesting and beneficial.

#### f. (b) Logistics. Armo Pouch Cal .38

- (1) Observation: A standard ammunition pouch for the Cal .38 pistol should be an item of issue.
- (2) Evaluation: At present personnel equipped with the Cal. 35 ; istol are using various type pouches or holders to carry annumition.
- (3) Recommendation: That the US Army procure a standard ammunition pouch for .38 Cal ammunition.
- (4) Command Action: S4, 17th Avn Gp (Cbt) discussed procurement of the Air Force Cartiridg. Holder Cal .38, FSN 1095-E19-8591 with supply personnel from 1st Avn Bdo G4, who in turn contacted the Inventory Control Center, Vietnam. The requirement has been processed through 100 VM and sent to CONUS for further action.
- g. <u>Communications</u>: Shortage of Signal Personnel in 17th aviation Group (Cbt).
- (1) Observation: The 17th AG(C) is experiencing a shortage of signal personnel, which is beginning to affect the operation of the Group radio telephone and teletype system. The size of the corps area forces reliance on this system.
- (2) Evaluation: The 17th AG(C) is authorized 266 signal personnel and, throughout the quarter, has operated at a level of 175-185 personnel. A break out of personnel shortages by MOS is attached as Inclosure 7. The most critical shortage is the tof the O5C MOS: The 17th AG(C) places considerable reliance on High Frequency hadio Communications in both the voice and radio teletype modes. The operation of high frequency radio requires qualified personnel. All communications systems of the 17th AG(C) operate on a 24 nour basis and the personnel authorization provides a minimum number of personnel to sustain this operation. Any further decrease in personnel will adversely affect the effectiveness of the 17th AG(C) Communications System.

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- (c) hecommendations: That continued emphasis be placed on assigning personnel with signal 108's to signal positions and that efforts be made to obtain personnel in sufficient numbers to fill oxisting shortages.
- (d) Cormand action: Notification of signal 105 shorteges was made to the SigC, 1st avm Bde via manthly reports, message and porsonal contact. The Signal Office, 17th ..G(C) continually monitors the signal personnel status to insure proper placement of personnel and to maintain an even balance of personnel between the units of the 17th .G(C). Subordinate unit commanders were reminled in the October Commanders Conference to utilize signal porsonnel in signal positions.
  - h. (U) Material. Engineer Construction Projects (17th Group)
- (1) Observation: Certain engineer projects have come and but for a variety of roas as have not been completed.
- (2) Evaluation: Projects that have been approved, funced, and Construction Directives issued are not storted on time, or are not completed. The delays, are due primarily to shifting priorities which result in uncompleted projects.
- (3) Meccamendation: That the construction projects be perfecically reviewed with the goal of completing this deferred due to a change in priorities. The justific time for the projects are still valid and the units concerned still consider them as mission ossential.

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TO: Commanding General, 1st Aviation Brigade, APO 96384

- 1. (U) This headquarters has evaluated subject ORLL and concurs, except as noted below.
- 2. (C) Reference para lc(1)(a): Last sentence should read "The 12th Bn is now carried as the 12th Local Force Bn possibly subordinated to Khanh Hoa P.U."

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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THRU: Commanding General, United States Army Vietnam, ATTN: AVI.3C-DST, APO 96375

Commander-in-Chief, United States Army Pacific, ATTN: GPOP-DT, APO 96558

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C. 20310

- 1. This headquarters has reviewed subject report and concurs with the contents as indersed.
- 2. The following additional comments are considered pertinent:
- a. Paragraph 2f(1), page 9 discusses ammunition pouches for .38 caliber ammunition. Concur. This headquarters, in conjunction with the Inventory Control Center, Vietnam (ICC-V) processed a requisition to CONUS (United States Army Weapons Command) for the Air Force cartridge holder caliber .38, FSN 1095-819-8591. The requisition was rejected by the Weapons Command with instructions to requisition the item from the Air Force. The ICC-V has requested authority from USARV to order the item.
- b. Paragraph 2g, page 9 and Inclosures 2 and 7 discuss critical personnel shortages. The 17th Aviation Group (Combat) reports critical shortages in MOS's 67N30 (UH-1 Helicopter Repairman), 67U30 (CH-47 Helicopter Repairman) and 67X30 (CH-54 Helicopter Repairman). Existing resources are negligible. USARV has approached and partially resolved the problem through requisitions. USARV now requisitions 67W20 personnel (Rotary Wing Technical Inspectors) to fill positions designated for fill by Technical Inspectors with specific qualifications. i.e., 67N30, 67U30 and 67X30. The 17th Aviation Group (Combat) has received a proportionate share of 67W20 personnel. The 17th Aviation Group (Combat) also reports a critical shortage of 05B (Radio Operator) personnel. The 1st Aviation Brigade has not received inputs of 05B personnel during the past 90 days. This situation has been magnified in the 17th Aviation Group (Combat) due to large rotation losses during the same 90 day period. USARV is aware of the shortage and is taking steps to correct it where possible. Critical shortages reported by the 17th Aviation Group (Combat) will be acted upon as personnel arrive. All personnel within an occupational specialty are assigned on a pro-rata basis. The 17th Aviation Group (Combat) receives an

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equitable share of all MOS's, and every attempt is made to maintain equitable distribution throughout the 1st Aviation Brigade.

c. Paragraph 2h, page 10 addresses changes in Engineer Construction priorities. The USARV Facilities Review Board is in continuous session. All base development projects that were halted are under evaluation by the Board, and recommendations are being made to continue or discontinue projects in order of priority. In the case of Operational Support Construction, priorities are originally established by the respective field force commander. If projects are halted due to higher priority work, the project is reevaluated by the field force engineer, with respect to it's degree of completion and feasibility of completing the work at the user level. If completion is not feasible on a self-help basis, the project is continued in an active status and work resumed as engineer support becomes available. The priority is determined by the field force commander.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

ARTHUR W. LITTLE

CPT AGC

Asst AG.

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HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY, VIETNAM, APO San Francisco 96375

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TO: Commender in Chief, United States Army, Pacific, ATTN: GPOP-DT, ARO 96558

1. This headquarters has reviewed the Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the quarterly period ending 31 October 1969 from Headquarters, 17th Aviation Group (Combat) and comments of indorsing headquarters.

#### 2. Comments follow:

- a. Reference item concerning "Rotary Wing Instrument Qualification", page 7, paragraph 2e(1): Concur in the recommendation and command action. USARV Reg 95-25, 29 aug 68, requires unit commanders to implement an aggressive and continuing instrument training program for all aviators under their command.
- b. Reference item concerning "Survival, Escape and Evasion Training", page 8, paragraph 2e(2); concur. Follow up action is being taken by USARV Aviation.
- c. Reference item concerning "Engineer Construction Projects", page 10, paragraph 2h; concur. Almost all US engineer troop effort is committed to the Highway Upgrade Program with operational support missions getting the bulk of the remaining resources. Units should review their projects, delete those not absolutely essential and use self help where possible to complete essential projects.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

CPT,

Assistant Adjutant General

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HQ, US Army, Pacific, APO San Francisco 96558 \$ FEB 1970

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development, Department of the Army, Washington, D. C. 20310

This headquarters concurs in subject report as indorsed.

FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

C. L. SHORT CPT, AGC AM AG

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# 1. (C) <u>ilesults</u>.

UNIT	Sorties Flown	Troops <u>Lifted</u>	Cargo . Lifted (tons)	. Flying Hours
17th AG(C) HEIC	783	1,583	10	214
201st Avn Co *(58th Avn Det)	5,199	12,547	85	2,920
17th AG(C)	5,982	14,130	95	3,634

<sup>2. (</sup>U) Losses. None

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<sup>\*</sup> Operational results are reported as combined totals by the 201st Avn Co. and the 58th Avn Det.

# Aircraft Status As Of 31 Oct 1969

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